

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/871,320 filed on May 30, 2001. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 are allowed. Claims 15-20 are rejected.

Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §102

Claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Reeley et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,037). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections at least because Reeley et al does not disclose "a processor in the hosting device adapted to communicate an identifier to the digital camera that is used by the digital camera user interface to define functionality and function as a hosting device user interface."

In no instance does Reeley et al teach usage of an identifier of a hosting device. In no instance does Reeley et al describe communication of an identifier from a hosting device to a digital camera or an adaptation to communicate an identifier from the hosting device to the digital camera. In no instance does Reeley et al disclose communication of an identifier that identifies the hosting device from the hosting device to the digital camera. Because no identifier of the hosting device is communicated to the digital camera, Reeley et al cannot describe that the user interface of the digital camera uses the identifier to define functionality and function of the identified hosting device.

The Examiner cites an editing function in col. 6, lines 60-64, as teaching usage of an identifier to define functionality and function. One may expect a system to be capable of performing some function. What is claimed by the applicants and is not disclosed by Reeley et al is the usage of an identifier to define functionality and function of a hosting device. Reeley et al makes absolutely no mention of an identifier for the hosting device, communication of an identifier from the hosting device to a digital camera, or usage of the identifier by the digital camera user interface to define functionality and function of the hosting device.

Identification of the hosting device to the digital camera enables the digital camera user interface to be modified to specifically handle user interactions of a variety of hosting devices, a capability not disclosed by Reeley et al.

Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §103

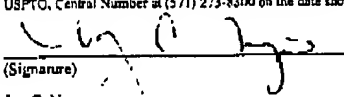
Claims 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reeley et al in view of Finelli (U.S. Patent No. 4,937,676). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections at least because Reeley et al in view of Finelli do not disclose "a processor in the hosting device adapted to communicate an identifier to the digital camera that is used by the digital camera user interface to define functionality and function as a hosting device user interface."

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all remaining claims are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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